

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-19. (canceled).

20. (withdrawn-previously presented): A process for the manufacture of bread-making dough aromatized with cinnamon comprising the use of a baker's yeast selected from the group consisting of the baker's yeast having good general performance in not delayed bread-makings, resistant to stress caused by freezing when used in sweetened doughs, and which does not produce off-flavors in the presence of cinnamon, baker's yeast obtained by a process comprising using as a starting strain, a strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the numbers I-2421 (CNCM I-2421) and I-2422 (CNCM I-2422), similar strains to said strains CNCM I-2421 and CNCM I-2422, and baker's yeast strains obtained by clean inactivation of PAD1 gene(s).

21. (withdrawn-previously presented): A process for the manufacture of frozen sweetened dough pieces comprising using a new baker's yeast selected from the group consisting of the baker's yeast having good general performance in not delayed bread-makings, resistant to stress caused by freezing when used in sweetened doughs, and which does not produce off-flavors in the presence of cinnamon, baker's yeast obtained by the

process comprising using as a starting strain a strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the numbers I-2421 (CNCM I-2421) and I-2422 (CNCM I-2422), similar strains to said strains CNCM I-2421 and CNCM I-2422, and baker's yeast strains obtained by clean inactivation of PAD1 gene(s).

22. (withdrawn): A process for the production of bread-making dough according to claim 20 wherein the baker's yeast used is in the form of a frozen intermediate dry yeast product.

23-24. (canceled).

25. (withdrawn): A process for the production of breadmaking dough according to claim 21 wherein the baker's yeast used in is the form of a frozen intermediate dry yeast product.

26. (currently amended): A baker's yeast ~~product~~ composition which:

- has good general performance in bread-making processes that do not comprise a freezing or a deep-freezing step, wherein said good general performance is determined by gas release results according to fermentometer tests A₁, A₅ and A₆ carried out with a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer wherein the following gas releases in fermentometer tests A₁, A₅, A₆ are provided:
 - test A₁, at least 150 ml in two hours,
 - test A₅, at least 90 ml in two hours,

- test A₆, at least 80 ml in two hours.
- is resistant to stress caused by freezing when used in sweetened doughs and
- does not produce bad taste or off-flavors in the presence of cinnamon, and

which is obtainable by a cultivation process for manufacturing said baker's yeast product composition, comprising cultivating a starting yeast strain selected from the group consisting of:

- isolated yeast strains deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the numbers I-2421 (CNCM I-2421) and I-2422 (CNCM I-2422) and
- isolated/recombinant baker's yeast strains obtainable by clean inactivation of PAD1 gene(s) in a strain of a baker's yeast which is resistant to stress caused by freezing.

27. (currently amended): The baker's yeast product composition according to claim 26:

- wherein said gas release results based upon fermentometer tests A₁, A₅ and A₆ carried out with a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer are at least equivalent to gas release results obtained with a control yeast produced by a cultivation process for manufacturing said control yeast, by cultivating an isolated strain deposited ~~according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the number I-2412 (CNCM I-2412),~~

- and wherein the baker's yeast ~~product~~ composition, when used to produce dough having a formulation of sweet Danish pastries, comprising 18% sugar by weight with respect to a total amount of flour, whereby said dough is frozen for 100 days at - 20 °C and thereafter thawed,
- provides a total gas release measured with a zymotachygraphe for 2 hours and 30 minutes at 27 °C, of at least 20 % higher than said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions, and
- provides a proof time of said dough measured at 35 °C of at least 10 % lower than the proof time obtained with said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions.

28. (currently amended): A baker's yeast ~~product~~ composition obtainable by a cultivation process for the manufacture of said baker's yeast ~~product~~ composition, comprising cultivating a starting strain, wherein said starting strain is an isolated strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the number I-2421 (CNCM I-2421).

29. (currently amended): A baker's yeast ~~product~~ composition obtainable by a cultivation process for the manufacture of said baker's yeast ~~product~~ composition comprising, cultivating a starting strain, wherein said starting strain is an isolated strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de

Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the number I-2422 (CNCM I-2422).

30. (canceled).

31. (currently amended): A baker's yeast ~~product~~composition obtainable by a cultivation process for the manufacture of said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition comprising cultivating a starting strain, wherein said starting strain is an isolated/recombinant baker's yeast strain, which is obtainable by clean inactivation in a strain of a baker's yeast which is resistant to stress caused by freezing of PAD1 gene(s) encoding phenylacrylic acid decarboxylase, wherein said clean inactivation is a modification which cuts out expression of inactivated genes without leading to expression of a heterologous gene.

32. (currently amended): The baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 26, wherein said cultivation process comprises two or more consecutive cycles of cultivation and a discontinuous inflow of molasses is provided during the whole or part of the last cycle of cultivation.

33. (currently amended): A baker's yeast ~~product~~composition obtained by a cultivation process for the manufacture of said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition comprising:

cultivating a starting strain selected from the group consisting of:

- isolated yeast strains deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the numbers I-2421 (CNCM I-2421) and I-2422 (CNCM I-2422) and
- isolated/recombinant baker's yeast strains obtained by clean inactivation of PAD1 gene(s)

wherein said cultivation process comprising comprises two or more consecutive cycles of cultivation wherein a discontinuous inflow of molasses is provided during the whole or part of the last cycle of multiplication of said starting strain.

34. (currently amended): The baker's yeast productcomposition according to claim 26 wherein said baker's yeast productcomposition is in the form of a frozen active intermediate dry yeast productcomposition having between 70 and 80 % dry matter.

35. (currently amended): The baker's yeast productcomposition according to claim 26 wherein said baker's yeast productcomposition is in the form of a frozen active intermediate dry yeast productcomposition having between 70 and 80 % dry matter and providing the following gas releases in fermentometer tests A₁, A₅, A₆ carried out with a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer:

test A₁ 170 ml to 190 ml in two hours,

test A₅ 110 ml to 130 ml in two hours,

test A₆ 115 ml to 140 ml in two hours.

36. (canceled).

37. (currently amended): A baker's yeast ~~product~~composition in the form of particles of intermediate frozen active dry yeast having between 70% and 80% dry matter and which

- has good general performance in bread-making processes that do not comprise a freezing or a deep-freezing step, wherein said good general performance is determined by gas release results according to fermentometer tests A₁, A₅ and A₆ carried out with a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer

- is resistant to stress caused by freezing when used in sweetened doughs and

- does not produce a bad taste or off-flavors in the presence of cinnamon,

and which provides the following gas releases in fermentometer test A₁, A₅ and A₆ carried out using a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer:

test A₁ 170 ml to 190 ml in two hours,

test A₅ 110 ml to 130 ml in two hours,

test A₆ 115 ml to 140 ml in two hours,

and which are obtainable by a process comprising:

(1) using as a starting strain in a cultivation process for the manufacture of said yeast ~~product~~composition, a yeast strain selected from the group consisting of:

- isolated strains deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the numbers I-2421 (CNCM I-2421) and I-2422 (CNCM I-2422), and

- isolated/recombinant baker's yeast strains obtained by clean inactivation of the PAD1 gene(s) in a strain of a baker's yeast which is resistant to stress caused by freezing, and
 - (2) cultivating said starting strain according to said cultivation process for the manufacture of said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition, said cultivation process comprising two or more consecutive cycles of cultivation wherein a discontinuous inflow of molasses is provided during the whole or part of the last cycle of cultivation of said starting strain.
- 38. (previously presented):** An isolated baker's yeast strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", under the number I-2421 (CNCM I-2421).
- 39. (previously presented):** An isolated baker's yeast strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the number I-2422 (CNCM I-2422).
- 40. (previously presented):** An isolated/recombinant baker's yeast strain obtained by clean inactivation of the PAD1 gene(s) in a strain of baker's yeast .
- 41. (currently amended):** A process for the preparation of a baker's yeast ~~product~~composition comprising a cultivation process for the manufacture of said yeast ~~product~~composition comprising cultivating a starting strain which is an isolated strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de

Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the number I-2421 (CNCM I-2421) and harvesting to provide said baker's yeast composition.

- 42. (currently amended):** A process for the preparation of a baker's yeast ~~product~~composition comprising a cultivation process for the manufacture of said yeast ~~product~~composition comprising cultivating a starting strain which is an isolated strain deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the number I-2422 (CNCM I-2422) and harvesting to provide said baker's yeast composition.
- 43. (currently amended):** A process for the preparation of a baker's yeast ~~product~~composition comprising a cultivation process for the manufacture of said baker's yeast comprising cultivating a starting strain which is a baker's yeast strain obtained by clean inactivation of the PAD1 gene(s) in a baker's yeast which is resistant to stress caused by freezing and harvesting to provide said baker's yeast composition.
- 44. (currently amended):** The process for the preparation of a baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 41 wherein said starting strain is cultivated according to a process comprising two or more consecutive cycles of cultivation wherein a discontinuous inflow of molasses is provided during the whole or part of the last cycle of cultivation.
- 45. (currently amended):** The process for the preparation of a baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 42 wherein said starting strain is cultivated according to a process comprising two or more consecutive cycles of cultivation wherein

a discontinuous inflow of molasses is provided during the whole or part of the last cycle of cultivation.

46. (currently amended): The process for the preparation of a baker's yeast productcomposition according to claim 43 wherein said starting strain is cultivated according to a process comprising two or more consecutive cycles of cultivation wherein a discontinuous inflow of molasses is provided during the whole or part of the last cycle of cultivation.

47. (currently amended): The baker's yeast productcomposition according to claim 27, which when used to produce the dough having a formulation of sweet Danish pastries, comprising 18% sugar by weight with respect to a total amount of flour, whereby said dough is frozen for 100 days at -20°C and thereafter thawed,

- provides a total gas release measured with a zymotachygraphe for 2 hours and 30 minutes at 27°C of at least 30% higher than the control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions, and
- provides a proof time of said dough measured at 35°C of at least 15% lower than the proof time obtained with said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions.

48. (currently amended): The baker's yeast productcomposition according to claim 27 which when used to produce the dough having a formulation of sweet Danish pastries, comprising 18% sugar by weight with respect to a total amount of flour, whereby said dough is frozen for 100 days at -20°C and thereafter thawed,

- provides a total gas release measured with a zymotachygraphe during 2 hours and 30 minutes at 27°C of at least 40% higher than the control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions, and
- provides a proof time of said dough measured at 35°C of at least 20% lower than the proof time obtained with said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions.

- 49. (currently amended):** The baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 34, wherein said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast ~~product~~composition having between 72 and 78% dry matter.
- 50. (currently amended):** The baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 34, wherein said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast ~~product~~composition having between 74 and 78% dry matter.
- 51. (currently amended):** The baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 35, wherein said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast ~~product~~composition having between 72 and 78% dry matter.
- 52. (currently amended):** The baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 33, wherein said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast ~~product~~composition having between 70 and 80% dry matter.

- 53. (currently amended):** The baker's yeast ~~product~~composition according to claim 37, wherein said baker's yeast ~~product~~composition is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast ~~product~~composition having between 72 and 78% dry matter.
- 54. (new):** A baker's yeast composition comprising yeast strains selected from the group consisting of isolated yeast strains deposited according to the Budapest Convention with the "Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes", Institut Pasteur, under the numbers I-2421 (CNCM I-2421) and I-2422 (CNCM I-2422) and isolated/recombinant baker's yeast strains obtainable by clean inactivation of PAD1 gene(s) in a strain of a baker's yeast which is resistant to stress caused by freezing.
- 55. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 54, which:
has good general performance in bread-making processes that do not comprise a freezing or deep-freezing step, wherein said good general performance is determined by gas release results according to fermentometer tests A₁, A₅ and A₆ carried out with a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer wherein the following gas releases in fermentometer tests A₁, A₅, A₆ are provided:
- test A₁, at least 150 ml in two hours,
 - test A₅, at least 90 ml in two hours,
 - test A₆, at least 80 ml in two hours
- is resistant to stress caused by freezing when used in sweetened doughs and

does not produce bad taste or off-flavors in the presence of cinnamon.

56. (new): The baker's yeast composition of claim 55:

- wherein said gas release results based upon fermentometer tests A₁, A₅ and A₆ carried out with a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer are at least equivalent to gas release results obtained with a control yeast produced by a cultivation process for manufacturing said control yeast, by cultivating an isolated strain deposited under the number I-2412 (CNCM I-2412),
- and wherein the baker's yeast composition, when used to produce dough having a formulation of sweet Danish pastries, comprising 18% sugar by weight with respect to a total amount of flour, whereby said dough is frozen for 100 days at - 20 °C and thereafter thawed,
- provides a total gas release measured with a zymotachygraphe for 2 hours and 30 minutes at 27 °C, of at least 20 % higher than said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions, and
- provides a proof time of said dough measured at 35 °C of at least 10 % lower than the proof time obtained with said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions.

57. (new): The baker's yeast composition of claim 55, wherein said baker's yeast composition is in the form of a frozen active intermediate dry yeast composition having between 70 and 80% dry matter.

- 58. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 55 wherein said baker's yeast composition is in the form of a frozen active intermediate dry yeast composition having between 70 and 80 % dry matter and providing the following gas releases in fermentometer tests A₁, A₅, A₆ carried out with a Burrows and Harrison fermentometer
- test A₁ 170 ml to 190 ml in two hours,
- test A₅ 110 ml to 130 ml in two hours,
- test A₆ 115 ml to 140 ml in two hours.
- 59. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 58, in the form of particles of intermediate frozen active dry yeast between 70 and 80 % dry matter.
- 60. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 55, which when used to produce the dough having a formulation of sweet Danish pastries, comprising 18% sugar by weight with respect to a total amount of flour, whereby said dough is frozen for 100 days at -20°C and thereafter thawed,
- provides a total gas release measured with a zymotachygraphe for 2 hours and 30 minutes at 27°C of at least 30% higher than a control yeast produced by a cultivation process for manufacturing said control yeast, by cultivating an isolated strain deposited under the number I-2412 (CNCM I-2412) in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions, and

- provides a proof time of said dough measured at 35°C of at least 15% lower than the proof time obtained with said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions.
- 61. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 55, which when used to produce the dough having a formulation of sweet Danish pastries, comprising 18% sugar by weight with respect to a total amount of flour, whereby said dough is frozen for 100 days at -20°C and thereafter thawed,
- provides a total gas release measured with a zymotachygraphe during 2 hours and 30 minutes at 27°C of at least 40% higher than a control yeast produced by a cultivation process for manufacturing said control yeast, by cultivating an isolated strain deposited under the number I-2412 (CNCM I-2412) in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions, and
 - provides a proof time of said dough measured at 35°C of at least 20% lower than the proof time obtained with said control yeast in a dough of the same formulation and frozen and thawed under the same conditions.
- 62. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 57, wherein said baker's yeast is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast composition having between 72 and 78% dry matter.

- 63. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 57, wherein said baker's yeast is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast composition having between 74 and 78% dry matter.
- 64. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 58, wherein said baker's yeast is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast composition having between 72 and 78% dry matter.
- 65. (new):** The baker's yeast composition of claim 59, wherein said baker's yeast is in the form of a frozen intermediate active dry yeast composition having between 72 and 78% dry matter.